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The usual business was dispensed with and Professor A. H. Cockayne, of the Agricultural Department of New Zealand, gave an illustrated lecture on "Botanical Features of the Flora of New Zealand." A general discussion followed the lecture, after which the meeting was adjourned.

B. O. DODGE,  
*Secretary*

#### NEWS ITEMS

Dr. B. O. Dodge for the last nine years the Club's Secretary and Treasurer, has resigned his position from the department of botany at Columbia University and gone to the Bureau of Plant Industry at Washington. Dr. Francis W. Pennell of the New York Botanical Garden has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Club.

Dr. Carl Skottsberg the director of the new botanical garden at Göteborg, Sweden, who lectured before the Club in the autumn of 1918, *en route* from Chili to Göteborg, writes that, like our own, the winter just past was of exceptional severity. The garden is to have special geographical sections of which that devoted to Eastern Asia will be planted in 1920 and the North American section in 1921.

Dr. Roland M. Harper has recently completed some studies on the resources of southern Alabama, including considerable work on the vegetation. He has gone to central Florida, where he will carry on similar work, which was started in 1915. His address will be Geological Department, Tallahassee, Florida.